

Director's Report
47th Foundation Day Celebrations
14th September 2018

Chief Guest of today's function, Hon'ble Governor of Manipur, Madam Dr. Najma Heptulla ;

Guests of Honour, Dr. K. Mani Singh former Additional Professor of Surgery, RIMS, Imphal and Dr. R.K. Sanajaoba Singh former Senior Registrar of Anaesthesiology, RIMS, Imphal; Medical Superintendent, Prof. Ch. Arun Kumar Singh;

Reception Committee Chair person, Prof. N. Nabakishore Singh, Obst & Gynae Department, RIMS, Imphal;

All distinguish invitees, faculty members, teachers, staffs, my dear students, media personnel;

Ladies & Gentleman

I, on behalf of the institute and on my own behalf, welcome once again the honoured guests, distinguished invitees and everyone present here and thank you for sparing your valuable time with us to join the 47th Foundation Day Celebrations of RIMS, Imphal. By your presence the function has become wholesome and we are indeed greatly honoured to have you all amidst us on this occasion. I now place the report of the institute for the year 2017-18 before you.

RIMS, Imphal continues to grow over the years. It has a workforce of more than 2000 personnel. RIMS is now conducting several other courses apart from MBBS degree course with 100 admissions per year. It has post graduate degree courses in 23 disciplines with an intake of 147 PG students of which 50% are from all over the country leaving the remaining seats for the North East region. The institute conducts superspecialty M.Ch. courses in the disciplines of Urology and Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, B.D.S. course with 50 admissions per year, B.Sc. Nursing Course with 50 admissions per year in the College of Nursing, PhD programme is offered in the institute. M.Phil course in Clinical Psychology with a capacity of 7 admissions per year. Bachelor of Audiology and Speech Pathology (BASLP) course with an annual intake of 10 (ten) students is conducted in the institute in collaboration with All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysore.

A large number of faculty members of the institute are involved in various research projects funded by various agencies like DBT, ICMR, WHO, etc. These research projects have benefitted not only the patients and researchers but also improved the lab infrastructure of this institute. A total number of 223 research papers have been published by different faculties and departments of RIMS Imphal during the year 2017-18 in international, national and regional journals of repute. A total of 33 conferences, seminars, workshops and CME, etc. were organised by the different departments of RIMS, Imphal during the same period. The Medical Society of RIMS has organised the 8th MESOCON this year.

As on 31st August, 2018, we have 506 undergraduate medical students on roll. A cumulative total of 3356 doctors have been produced so far. 382 postgraduate students are on roll and 1714 specialist doctors have been produced. A total of 56 M.Phil in Clinical Psychology have been produced. There are 183 B.Sc. Nursing students and 206 BDS students on roll. The institute is proud to produce these medical and nursing professionals and thus contribute to the country's health care system.

In January, 2018 4(four) Units of Superspeciality of the institute, namely, Nephrology, Cardiology, Neurology & Surgical Gastroenterology have been upgraded to the status of department.

In recognition of the achievements of the academic performances of students and to encourage them in their academic pursuit, certificates, gold medals and cash awards are instituted by the institute as well as by generous donors. There are 29 gold medals and 60 institutional awards. A short while from now, these awards and medals will be handed over to the meritorious students. I congratulate the deserving students and their proud parents.

During the year under report, E-Hospital and Online Registration System (ORS) was started in the General OPD and Casualty Registration Counter of RIMS Hospital under the initiative of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. Laboratory tests (except MRI & CT Scan) for IPD Patients have been made free from January 2018. Queue management system was started in the General OPD for convenience of the patients and patient parties. 7 CPC recommendations as approved by the Central Government for Autonomous Bodies have been implemented in RIMS, Imphal. Implementation of Swachhta Action Plan (SAP) with a funding of Rs. 7.00 cr. by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare was started at RIMS, Imphal. A full fledged branch of the Bank of Baroda has been opened in the RIMS campus to ease congestion in the existing United Bank of India branch. The institute has come on board the Public Financial Management System (PFMS). Construction works for a Level-1 trauma Centre and a Burn Unit for RIMS hospital which have been sanctioned by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare are in progress. Equipments such as semi automated biochemistry analyser, ventilators, endoscopic sinus surgery set, telescope sets, multichannel monitors, defibrillator with cardiac

monitors; ICU beds have been procured during the year. A Dental Van for the Dental College was also commissioned during the year. There used to be scarcity of water in the institute campus owing to disruption in the water supply from the source to the institute. But now the scarcity of water in the RIMS hospital is no more as dedicated pipelines have been laid from the source. In other areas of the institute also we will make an effort to provide piped water supply instead of the existing arrangement of supply through water tanker vehicles. We are very happy to announce that the air ambulance service in Manipur is soon going to be a reality. An inter Ministerial meeting in the Govt. of India held on 2nd July, 2018 has decided Air Ambulance Services could be started in Manipur. The minutes of the meeting, inter-alia, mentions that the helicopter may be stationed in RIMS, Imphal to cater to far flung districts of Manipur and that Pawan Hans Ltd. would provide helicopter services. Needless to mention that this project is a brain child of the Hon'ble Governor of Manipur who is a visionary and dynamic public figure of this country.

The Institute has carried out a number of Construction Works. Some of the assets created are construction of public washroom facility near Gynae ward, drainage system and kitchen facilities for PMR Department, construction of OT for Obs & Gynae Department. A 80 bedded hostel for girls was completed and commissioned in July 2018. Separate New Buildings for the Dental College, Nursing College, Pharmacology Laboratory, Class Room cum Examination Hall, Post Graduate Gent's Hostel with 170 capacities, Post Graduate Ladies Hostel with 100 capacity, Under Graduate Ladies Hostel with 100 capacity, New OPD Block, BSc Nursing Hostel with 200 capacity, Forensic & Community Medicine Block, Maternity Ward Block are under construction.

It may be mentioned that the Departmental-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare in its 106th Report has observed that “RIMS can become a center for excellence as it has got the human resources and only constraint is the infrastructure.” The Report further mentions “The Committee, therefore, is of the firm view that while the Government is focusing much to promote the North Eastern region, the health sector must also be focused upon strengthening the healthcare facilities in North East region and RIMS being the oldest institute, catering to the healthcare needs of the majority of the people of northeast region, should not be neglected in terms of budgetary allocation for infrastructure, manpower and state of art technology and equipments.”

Despite the many constraints, RIMS, Imphal is fully committed to complementing government effort of reducing the maternal and child mortality rate and furthermore, control the spread of preventable diseases. To this effect, the institute is implementing many schemes such as JSSK, JSY, RBSK, CMHT, RCC etc. Recently on 15th August, 2018 Ayushman Bharat PMJAY was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister for the whole country. RIMS, Imphal is one of the empanelled National Health Providers. In Manipur the scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur on the said day with 4 (four) hospitals of the state in attendance.

Before I conclude I would like to thank the Hon'ble Governor of Manipur, Madam Dr. Najma Heptulla for having kindly consented to be the Chief Guest of today's function. Madam has always given her unstinted support to this institute. We are very grateful for her advices and the guidance from time to time drawn from rich experience and wisdom thus giving us the stamina and energy to take forward the institute to higher level. Madam, I pray that you live long healthy and continue to guide us.

Once again I thank all the honoured guests, invitees, staff, students and media personnel for your kind patient listening to the report on the achievements of RIMS. Your presence has made this function a grand success and we are greatly honoured.

Long live RIMS, Imphal. Jai Hind.

Imphal,
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